IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Original) An image forming method comprising:

forming a toner image on a receiving material; and

passing the receiving material through a nip between two fixing members A and B while applying a pressure to the fixing members A and B to fix the toner image on the receiving material upon application of heat and pressure, wherein the receiving material contacts the fixing member A,

and wherein the toner comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and when the toner is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm^2 to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

34. (Original) The image forming method according to Claim 33,

wherein the fixing member A has a thickness of 0.7 mm, and wherein the pressure is not greater than 1.5×10^5 Pa.

35. (Original) The image forming method according to claim 33,

wherein the fixing member A is at least one of a belt or an endless belt and is heated by a fixed heater.

36. (Original) A developing device comprising:

a developer bearing member having a magnetic field generating means ehterin and configured to bear a developer comprising a magnetic carrier and a magnetic toner composition while rotating;

a first regulation member configured to regulate the amount of the developer supplied to the developer bearing member to form a developer layer on the developer bearing member;

a developer containing member configured to contain the developer scraped by the first regulating member; and

a toner containing member located adjacent to the developer containing member and configured to supply the magnetic toner composition to the developer bearing member through an opening,

wherein the developer containing member comprises:

a second regulating member located on an upstream side from the first regulating member relative to the rotating direction of the developer bearing member, and configured to scrape the developer layer when a concentration of the magnetic toner in the developer layer increases and the developer layer thickens, to cover the opening with the scraped developer to stop the supply of the magnetic toner composition from the toner containing member, and

wherein the magnetic toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a magnetic material, a binder resin and a release agent, and when the magnetic toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm^2 to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.